

## **RADIO:**

- *“Really fabulous new music...just delightful.”* **Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2**

## **AUTHORS:**

- *“I was enchanted and enthralled by The Bookshop Band. What a great, clever, literate musical night!”* **Ian Rankin**
- *“More! More! Enchanting!”* **David Mitchell**
- *“It’s the music that makes the story”* **Kate Mosse**
- *“[You] brought music to my mountains. Thank you for doing what you do.”* **Yann Martel**
- *“It’s hard to think of a better act to book to lend sparkle to your literary festival or bookshop events calendar. Charming, clever and quite unfairly talented.”* **Patrick Gale**
- *“The combination of your passion about reading and your own skills as musicians makes for a very special evening.”* **Rachel Joyce**
- *“The most beautiful songs! I’m completely undone, in the best possible way”* **Ruth Ozeki**
- *“Beautiful music”* **Patrick Ness**

## **LITERARY FESTIVALS:**

- *“Another brilliant Bookshop Band evening!”* **Roland Gulliver, Director, Edinburgh Book Fest**
- *“The Bookshop Band have bags of talent and heaps of charm and their gorgeous project of writing and performing songs inspired by books is a brilliant fit for book festivals. Every festival should have The Bookshop Band!”* **Peggy Hughes, Director, Literary Dundee**
- *“It has been a musical delight. You will always be welcome back.”* **Adrian Turpin, Director of Wigtown Book Festival.**

## **MUSIC FESTIVALS & VENUES:**

- *“Whether they are inside a bookshop, nestled in a leafy forest, or settled on a sun-dappled festival stage, The Bookshop Band are always at home and warmly welcomed and listened to by their attentive audience. Ben and Beth are both superior musicians in their own right and all bring something special to their unique sound and storytelling. Listening to them is akin to travelling to different countries and cultures around the world...lovely stuff!”* **Abi Norman, Artists’ Co-ordinator, Larmer Tree Festival**
- *“The Bookshop Band have a lovely and thoughtful vibe to them; it’s acoustic music without most of the current clichés, great playing, and arrangements, intriguing writing. Draws you in and takes you somewhere different.”* **Steve Henwood, The Bandstand, Glastonbury Festival.**

## **BOOK SHOP & LIBRARY EVENTS:**

- *“The most enjoyable event we have held in our bookshop.”* **Andy Rossiter, Rossiter Books**
- *“The magical end of book events”* **James – The Edge of the World Bookshop, Penzance**
- *“The evening was a revelation for us all. Come back please!”* **Daunt Books, London**
- *“Fabulous. Thank you so much!”* **Zool, Blackwells, Oxford.**
- *“The real proof of the pudding was when the books sung about flew off the shelves the following day. We will be inviting them back at every opportunity.”* **Lauren Walker, The Percival Library**

## **AUDIENCES (comments from our guestbook):**

- *“The gig was amazing (you actually made me cry!). Please could you play in our school?”* **Kosi**
- *“Lovely! Made me want to read all the books, even those I wasn’t interested in before.”* **Kirsty**
- *“Lovely concept, even lovelier arrangements! Music is a wonderful way to remind us to seek whimsy, melody and delightful details in stories or history.”* **Sarah**
- *“A wonderful experience hearing you. Your musicianship, humanity & lyricism are terrific”* **Chris**
- *“Absolutely phenomenal! Took my breath away and I could listen to you all day.”* **CG**

## **SCHOOLS:**

- *“The Bookshop Band’ entertained and enthralled us with a eclectic mix of beautiful songs during our assembly. I would not hesitate to recommend The Bookshop Band wholeheartedly to other schools.* **Catherine Delor, Deputy Head, Westbury Park School**